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Application Number : 10/593,831 Confirmation No.: 3234
Applicant : Toshihiro AKAIKE, *et al.*
Filed : September 22, 2006
Title : PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL GROWING METHOD
TC/Art Unit : 1633
Examiner: : Scott LONG
Docket No. : 69719.000003
Customer No. : **21967**

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d)

Dear Sir:

Patentee submit a Request for Reconsideration of the Patent Term Adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d) of 481 days ("Request") indicated for the above-identified patent. It is respectfully requested that Patentee be granted a minimum patent term adjustment of **485 days**.

U.S. Patent No. 7,892,835 ("the '835 patent") issued within two-months of the date of this Request. Accordingly, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d), this request is timely.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(1), please charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e) (\$200) to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**. In the event any additional fees are required for consideration of this request, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") is authorized to charge these fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Remarks begin on page 2.

REMARKS

Patentee requests reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d) of the patent term adjustment for the '835 patent. In view of the following, it is respectfully requested that Patentee be granted a minimum patent term adjustment of at least **485 days**.

Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(2)

The patent term adjustment ("PTA") under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) listed on the face of the '835 patent is **481 days**.¹ This determination is in error because the USPTO failed to take certain action within the time frame specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a) **and** failed to issue a patent within three years of the 371(b) date of the above-identified patent in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(b).²

A. Calculation of PTA Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703

The following facts are relevant for determining PTA for the '835 patent.

- March 23, 2004 — Priority document JP 2004-085393 is filed.³
- September 22, 2006 — U.S. Patent Application No. 10/593,831 is filed.⁴
- September 22, 2006 — 371(c) date assigned by USPTO to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/593,831.⁵
- September 23, 2006 — national stage commenced under 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) (*i.e.*, 30 months from the priority date).⁶
- November 22, 2007 — fourteen months from the 371(c) date of the application (*i.e.*, beginning of "A period").
- January 5, 2009 — mail date of Restriction Requirement (*i.e.*, end of "A period").⁷
- September 23, 2009 — three years from the 371(b) date of the application (*i.e.*, beginning of "B period").
- May 3, 2010 — Request for Continued Examination filed (*i.e.*, end of "B period").⁸

¹ See **Exhibit A** [first page of the '835 patent (*)].

² See also Notice Concerning Calculation of the Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B) involving International Applications Entering the National Stage Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371 of September 9, 2009 (attached).

³ See **Exhibit A** [first page of the '835 patent at (30)].

⁴ See **Exhibit B** (Transmittal Sheet with USPTO date stamp).

⁵ See **Exhibit A** [first page of the '835 patent at (86)] and **Exhibit C** (USPTO Bibliographic Information).

⁶ See 35 U.S.C. § 371 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.702.

⁷ See **Exhibit D** (USPTO Transaction History).

1. “A” Periods Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(2)

The number of days from the beginning of the “A period” (November 22, 2007, *i.e.*, fourteen months from the 371(c) date of the application) to the end of the “A period” (January 5, 2009, *i.e.*, the day a first office action was mailed) is 410 days. This is contrary to the USPTO’s calculations.⁹

2. “B” Periods Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(b)

The number of days from the beginning of the “B period” (September 23, 2009, *i.e.*, three years from the 371(b) day of the application) to the end of the “B period” (May 3, 2010, *i.e.*, the day a Request for Continued Examination was filed) is 222 days. This is contrary to the USPTO’s calculations.¹⁰

3. Delay Attributed to Applicant

The USPTO calculated Patentee’s delay in the ’835 patent as 147 days. This is in agreement with the USPTO’s calculations.¹¹

4. $PTA = (A \text{ Period} + B \text{ Period}) - \text{Applicants Delay}$

The PTA should be calculated as follows:

A period = 410 days. *See* 1. above

B period = 222 days. *See* 2. above.

Applicants’ delay = 147 days. *See* 3 above.

$(410 + 222) - 147 = 485$ days

Accordingly, Patentee respectfully request that the ’835 patent be granted a minimum PTA of at least **485 days**.

⁸ *See Exhibit D* (USPTO Transaction History).

⁹ *See Exhibit E* (USPTO Patent Term Adjustment).

¹⁰ *See Exhibit D* (USPTO Transaction History).

¹¹ *See Exhibit E* (USPTO Patent Term Adjustment).

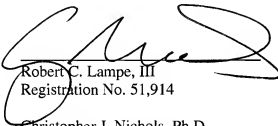
CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully requested that this Request for Reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment be favorably considered and that a corrected Determination of Patent Term Adjustment be issued to reflect a minimum patent term adjustment of at least **485 days**.

Respectfully submitted,
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Exhibit A
U.S. Patent No. 7,892,835 (first page)



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(12) United States Patent
Akaike et al.**(10) Patent No.: US 7,892,835 B2**
(45) Date of Patent: Feb. 22, 2011

- (54) **PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL GROWING METHOD**
- (75) Inventors: **Toshihiro Akaike**, Tokyo (JP); **Ketfchl Fukuda**, Tokyo (JP); **Masato Nagaoaka**, Kanagawa (JP); **Uichi Koshimizu**, Osaka (JP)
- (73) Assignee: **Daichi Sankyo Company, Limited**, Chuo-Ku, Tokyo (JP)
- (*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 481 days.
- (21) Appl. No.: **10/593,831**
- (22) PCT Filed: **Mar. 23, 2005**
- (86) PCT No.: **PCT/JP2005/06006**
§ 371 (c)(1),
(2), (4) Date: **Sep. 22, 2006**
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- (52) **U.S. Cl.** 435/455; 435/354; 435/366
- (58) **Field of Classification Search** None
See application file for complete search history.
- (56) **References Cited**

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(57) ABSTRACT

A novel growing method is provided for pluripotent stem cells such as ES cells. The method of the invention is a pluripotent stem cell growing method and gene transfer method in which pluripotent stem cells are cultured under conditions that maintain their undifferentiated state and pluripotency, the method being characterized by using a liquid medium and a culturing vessel having immobilized or coated on a substrate solid phase surface a molecule which is adhesive to the pluripotent stem cells in a fixed concentration, to grow the pluripotent stem cells in a dispersed state while maintaining their undifferentiated state and pluripotency, without using feeder cells, or to transfer and express a gene therein.

13 Claims, 12 Drawing Sheets

Exhibit B

Transmittal Sheet with USPTO date stamp

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 58778.000007 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, under 35 CFR 1.55) 10/593831
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/J2005/006006	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 23 March 2005	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 23 March 2004
TITLE OF INVENTION PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL GROWING METHOD		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Toshihiro AKAIKE; Keiichi FUKUDA; Masato NAGAOKA and Uichi KOSHIMIZU		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<div style="list-style-type: none; padding-left: 0;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). </div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). </div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. </div> <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). </div>		
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Search Fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority \$ 100.00				\$ 400.00	
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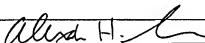
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Exhibit C
USPTO Bibliographic Information

10/593,831 PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL GROWING METHOD

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2011::09:44:51**Bibliographic Data**

Application Number:	10/593,831	Customer Number:	21967
Filing or 371 (c) Date:	09-22-2006	Status:	Patented Case
Application Type:	Utility	Status Date:	02-02-2011
Examiner Name:	LONG, SCOTT	Location:	ELECTRONIC
Group Art Unit:	1633	Location Date:	-
Confirmation Number:	3234	Earliest Publication No:	US 2007-0155013 A1
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Class / Subclass:	435/455	Patent Number:	7,892,835
First Named Inventor:	Toshihiro Akaike , Tokyo, (JP)	Issue Date of Patent:	02-22-2011

Title of Invention: PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL GROWING METHOD

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Exhibit D
USPTO Transaction History

10/593,831 PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL GROWING METHOD

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2011::09:36:54**Transaction History**

Date	Transaction Description
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02-22-2011	Recordation of Patent Grant Mailed
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02-22-2011	Patent Issue Date Used in PTA Calculation
01-18-2011	Dispatch to FDC
01-14-2011	Application Is Considered Ready for Issue
01-13-2011	Issue Fee Payment Verified
01-13-2011	Issue Fee Payment Received
11-09-2010	Sequence Forwarded to Pubs on Tape
10-20-2010	Mail Examiner Interview Summary (PTOL - 413)
10-20-2010	Mail Examiner's Amendment
10-20-2010	Mail Notice of Allowance
10-15-2010	Document Verification
10-15-2010	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed
10-15-2010	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
10-15-2010	Examiner's Amendment Communication
09-29-2010	Examiner Interview Summary Record (PTOL - 413)
09-23-2010	Date Forwarded to Examiner
09-21-2010	Response after Non-Final Action
09-21-2010	Request for Extension of Time - Granted
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05-03-2010	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
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05-05-2010	Date Forwarded to Examiner
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11-02-2009	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)
10-28-2009	Final Rejection
09-13-2009	Date Forwarded to Examiner
07-20-2009	Response after Non-Final Action
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09-22-2006	Information Disclosure Statement considered
02-04-2009	Date Forwarded to Examiner
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Exhibit E
USPTO Patent Term Adjustment

10/593,831	PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL GROWING METHOD	04-22-2011:09:37:23
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Patent Term Adjustments

Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) for Application Number: 10/593,831

Filing or 371(c) Date:	09-22-2006	Overlapping Days Between {A and B} or {A and C}:	0
Issue Date of Patent:	02-22-2011	Non-Overlapping USPTO Delays:	628
A Delays:	409	PTO Manual Adjustments:	0
B Delays:	219	Applicant Delays:	147
C Delays:	0	Total PTA Adjustments:	481

Patent Term Adjustment History Explanation Of Calculations

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26	11-02-2009	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)		0
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**Notice Concerning Calculation of the Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C.
§ 154(b)(1)(B) Involving International Applications Entering the National Stage
Pursuant to 35 U.S.C § 371**

Summary: The computer program that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) uses to calculate patent term adjustment incorrectly calculates the three-year pendency provision of 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B) in international applications if the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 371 are not fulfilled on the date that the national stage commenced under 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) or (f). The USPTO is in the process of correcting this computer program. Applicants seeking a revised patent term adjustment determination based on this calculation must submit a timely request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment indicated in the patent under 37 CFR 1.705(d).

Background: Under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B), an applicant is entitled to additional patent term adjustment if the issue of an original patent is delayed due to the failure of the USPTO to issue a patent within three years after the actual filing date of the application. The USPTO implemented the three-year pendency provision in 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B) in 37 CFR 1.702(b) and 37 CFR 1.703(b). See Changes to Implement Patent Term Adjustment Under Twenty-Year Patent Term, 65 Fed. Reg. 56365, 56391-92 (Sept. 18, 2000) (final rule). The USPTO indicated the three-year pendency provision in 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B) is measured from the date that the national stage commences under 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) or (f) in an international application. See Changes to Implement Patent Term Adjustment Under Twenty-Year Patent Term, 65 Fed. Reg. at 56382-84.

The USPTO makes patent term adjustment determinations by a computer program that uses the information recorded in the USPTO's automated patent application information system (the Patent Application Locating and Monitoring system or PALM system), except when an applicant requests reconsideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.705. See Changes to Implement Patent Term Adjustment Under Twenty-Year Patent Term, 65 Fed. Reg. at 56370, 56380-81.

Discussion: The USPTO is in the process of correcting an error in the computer program that it uses to calculate the patent term adjustment that affects patents issuing from international applications entering the national stage as to the United States pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371. The USPTO's computer program incorrectly calculates the three-year pendency provision of 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B) in international applications as being measured from the date that the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 371 were fulfilled rather than the date the national stage commenced under 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) or (f) in the international application. The USPTO is correcting the computer program to reflect that the three-year pendency provision of 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B) in international applications is measured from the date the national stage commenced under 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) or (f) in the international application.

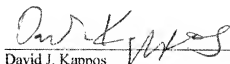
An applicant seeking a revised patent term adjustment determination based upon the three-year pendency provision must submit a timely request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment indicated in the patent. The USPTO does not calculate and inform the applicant of the patent term adjustment based upon the three-year pendency

provision of 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B) in the notice of allowance because the USPTO must know the date the patent will issue to be able to calculate the patent term adjustment based upon this provision. Thus, reconsideration of the patent term adjustment indicated in the patent as it relates to the three-year pendency provision of 35 U.S.C.

§ 154(b)(1)(B) is **not** considered a matter that could have been raised in an application for patent term adjustment under 37 CFR 1.705(b) (provides for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment indicated in the notice of allowance). Therefore, a request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment calculation based on the three-year pendency provision of 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B) will be considered timely under 37 CFR 1.705(d) if filed within two months of the date the patent issued.

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